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This is a request for filing a continued prosecution [X] continuation [] divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d) of pending prior application:

Serial No.: 09/341 328 Filed: July 6, 1999

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Original Applicant(s) (if different): N/A

For: SKIN CONTACTING ARTICLE

Original Title (if different): SKIN CONTACT GOODS

Group: 1615 Examiner: Pulliam

The above-identified prior application, in which no payment of the issue fee or abandonment or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. Please use the file wrapper and all of the contents of the prior application file wrapper, including the specification, drawings, and oath or declaration, as the basic papers for the new application and assign this application the serial number of the prior application.

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- Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16
- Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17
- A Statement under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 regarding small entity status is:
 - of record in the prior application and hereby is incorporated by reference thereto in the present application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.28.
 - enclosed.

Enclosed are:

- Preliminary Amendment. Please enter before calculating the filing fee.
- Amendment Before First Office Action with Amendment Transmittal therefor
- Acknowledgment Postal Card
- Cancel in this application Claims of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (Retain at least one independent claim.)
- An amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 was submitted but not entered in the prior application. Please enter this amendment before calculating the filing fee.
- Priority is claimed under 35 USC 119 based on Japan Application No. 9-6391, filed January 17, 1997 and Application No. 9-342780, filed December 12, 1997.
- The certified copies were filed in PCT Application No. PCT/JP98/00080, filed January 13, 1998.
- The certified copy is enclosed.

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